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ATTN: [redacted]RECTOR PROGRAM 8
FROM: LT/COL WEBB

1. REGRET THAT A MATURE AND CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT ON MY PART TO CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROJECT HEADQUARTERS AND TO THE CORONA PROGRAM HAS BEEN MISINTERPRETED AS MALICIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH THE WISHES OF [redacted]ROGRAM DIRECTOR. WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY.

2. REF A WAS AN HONEST PLEA FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS A PROBLEM. IT WAS NOT MADE AS A CONTRACTUAL REPRESENTATIVE BUT AS CHIEF OPERATIO[redacted] OFFIC[redacted]

3. [redacted] COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH [redacted]AM DIRECTOR BECAUSE IT REPORTED TO PROJECT HEADQUARTERS [illegible] EXPRESS WISHES OF [redacted]OGRAM DIRECTOR TO HAVE A YAW PROGRAMMER IN J-19 HAD BEEN APPROVED CONTRACTUALLY. IT FURTHER POINTED OUT THE FALLACY OF THE APPROACH TO YAW PROGRAMMER EVALUATIO AND RECOMMENDED A SOLUTION. THE FIRST FUNCTION WAS PERFORMED AS RESIDENT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR [redacted] THE LATTER WAS PERFORMED AS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFIC[redacted]ING FROM 20 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE EXPERIENCE. [redacted]OGRAM OFFICE ASKED THE CONTRACTOR TO PUT A YAW PROGRAM[redacted]8. THE CONTRAC SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL WORK AUTHORIZATION NBR J-2616-72 TO THE RESIDENT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR. THE AWA WAS PROMPTLY PASSED TO THE RESIDENT AIR FORCE TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE FR[redacted]OR COMMENT. HE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. RESIDENT CONTRACT ADM[redacted]ATOR APPROVED. THE CONTRACTOR SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND THAT J-18 WAS TOO FAR ALONG TO ACCEPT INSTALLATION WITHOUT INTERRUPTION TO READINESS PROCESSES

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AND REQUESTEDTHAT EFFORT BE TRANSFERRED TO J-19. [redacted] REPRESENTATIVE AGREED. THE RESIDENT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR APPROVED. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT RECOMMEND IT, WILL COMPLY WITH THE WISHES OFF DNRO AND CANCEL THE EFFORT ON J-19. REQUEST T[redacted]RECONCILE THIS WIT[redacted]ROGRAM DIRECTOR.

4. THE SUBJECT OF REF C HAS A LONGER HISTORY.

A. ON 15 APRIL 1963 TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE NBR 2029 WAS ISSUED BY CONTRACTOR (LMSC) ASKING THAT LMSC BE DIRECTED TO PROCURE 5 PIRANI GUAGES AND STORE THEM AT AP UNTIL ELECTROSTATIC MARKING OF FILM JUSTIFIED FLIGHT USE.

B. ON 17 APRIL 1963 THE CCB, AT THAT TIME MADE UP Dele1011his [redacted]. JOHNSON AND C. MURPHY TABLED TO NBR 2029 AND [redacted]CELLED IT.

C. LMSC, CLAIMP[redacted]D AUTHORIZED IT, PROCURED PIRANI GUAGE FOR EACH [redacted]HROUGH J-20.

D. ON 24 OCTOBER 1963 TD NBR 2061, SUBMITTED BY LMSC AND APPROVED BY CCB, CALLED FOR PIRANI GUAGES IN J-6 PLUS TWO "J" SYSTEMS.

E. ON 17 FEBRUARY 1964 LMSC SUBMITTED TD NBR 2109 FOR INSTALLATION OF PIRANI GUAGES IN J-4, J-10, AND UP. IT WAS NOT APPROVED BY CCB AND WAS CANCELLED ON 7 MAY 1964 De[redacted] NBR 4772.

F. ON 6 APRIL 1964 LMSC SUBMITTED AWA NBR J-2616-20 STATING THAT "BECAUSE OF THE DIRECTION RECEIVED FROM AFSSD, A/P BEGAN WORK ON TD 2109 BEFORE IT WAS TABLED BY THE AFCCB". THIS AWA WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE THEN RESIDENT CONTRACTING OFFICER.

G. ON 20 AUGUST 1964 LMSC SUBMITTED AWA NBR J-2616-51 FOR INSTALLATION OF PIRANI GUAGES IN J-03 AND J-13 "BECAUSE OF DIRECTION RESULTING FROM CONFERENCE OF 28 JULY 1964 BETWEEN A/P AND CUSTOMER ON SUBJECT OF CORONA" CUSTOMER INTHIS CASE[redacted]ROGRAM DIRECTOR. RESIDENT CONTRACTING OFFICER APPROVED THIS [redacted]

H. ON 21 OCTOBER 1964 LMSC SUBMITTED AWA J-2616-69 FOR INSTALLATION OF PIRANI GUAGES ON J-4, J-14, J-19, J-20 "BECAUSE OF THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST TO FLY PIRANI GUAGE, INSTRUMENTATION ON 10 CONSECUTIVE FLIGHTS ON THE J-1 TO J-20 PROGRAM". THE RESIDENT CONTRACTING OFFICER REVIEWED THE PIRANI GUAGE HISTORY, ESPECIALLY TD'S 2029 AND 2109, AND AWA J-2616-20. LMSC, AGAINST THE DESIRES OF THE CCB AND WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER BOUGHT ENOUGH PIRANI GUAGES FOR J-1 THRU J-20. PAINSTAKINGLY LMSC WAS PEDDLING THEM ALL. IN KEEPING WITH GOOD CONTRACT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THE RESIDENT CONTRACTING OFFICER WITHHELD APPROVAL, REFERRED THE MATTER TO PROJECT HEADQUARTERS, AND, AS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, RECOMMENDED A MEETING TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

5. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO GENERAL STEWART, THE ANGRY TONE OF REF. F. INDICATES THAT PERHAPS HIS STAFF IS NOT KEEPING HIM INFORMED. PARAGRAPH 2, FOR INSTANCE IMPLIES THAT THE SOLE FUNCTION OF MY OFFICE IS TO CONTRACTUALLY ENABLE THE FULFILLMENT OF EVERY WISH O[redacted]GRAM DIRECTOR. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SERIOUSLY [illegible] [illegible]IONS OF THIS OFFICE IS TO PASS FINAL TECHNICAL JUDGMENT ON THE CAPABILITY OF A PAYLOAD TO MEET ITS ASSIGNED MISSION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO ACCEPT THE PAYLOAD FOR THE GOVERNMENT. IN PARA 2 IT IS ALSO IMPLIED THAT I HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF INITIATING CONTRACTUAL ACTION WHICH IS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF De[redacted]ROGRAM DIRECTOR. THERE IS NO CASE ON RECORD

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IN WHICH THIS HAS HAPPENED.

6. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LENGTH OF THIS COMMENT. FELT IT NECESSARY LEST YOU BE LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THINGS HAVE GONE TO HELL AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY HAVE NOT. I BELIEVE MAJOR FAULT IS THAT I PERSISTENTLY RECOMMEND A RETURN TO THE PRACTICE WHERE EMOTIONALLY MATURE PEOPLE DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL PROFESSIONAL RESPECT.

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